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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For permitting the free Importation of Salted Provisions from Ireland into this Kingdom.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act "to enable His Majesty, with the Advice of His "Privy Council, to order the Importation of Provi- "sions from Ireland during the next Recess of Par- "liament, under certain Restrictions and Regulations "therein mentioned," We are empowered, during the present Recess of Parliament, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, from Time to Time to Order, Permit, and Authorize, the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, and Butter, from Ireland into this Kingdom, as We shall think convenient and needful, and as the Necessity of the Times may require, and in such Manner as We shall think fit to direct; Provided, that nothing therein contained shall extend to authorize the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, or Butter from Ireland, unless the Price of the best Ox Beef in Smithfield Market shall exceed Three-pence per Pound for the Four Quarters, and unless the Price of the best Pieces of such Beef shall exceed Four-pence per Pound at Leadenhall Market, and unless the Price of the best Pork shall exceed Four-pence per Pound, the best Bacon Seven-pence per Pound, and of the best Butter shall exceed Nine-pence per Pound, at Leadenhall Market.—And whereas a Petition hath been presented to Us in Council by several Merchants, large and extensive Dealers in Salt Provisions, humbly praying, that in regard the Prices of the aforemen tioned Provisions at Smithfield and Leadenhall Markets, do exceed the Prices specified in the said Act, We will be graciously pleased to permit the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, and Butter, from Ireland into this Kingdom.—And whereas it has been verified, by the Examination of several Witnesses, that the Prices of the best Beef, of the best Pork, and of the best Bacon, and of the best Butter, per Pound, do far exceed the Prices specified in the said Act; and We have the greatest Reason to suspect, that the present high Prices of Provisions do not arise from Scarcity, but are occasioned by unlawful Combinations; We do therefore, pursuant to the Powers vested in Us by the said Act, and by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, by this Our Royal Proclamation, Order, Permit, and Authorize, the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, and Butter, from Ireland, into that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, subject to the Payment of the Duties in the said Act mentioned, until, and provided the same be landed in any of the Ports of that Part of our said Kingdom of Great Britain called England, on or before the Thirty-first Day of December next: And in order to prevent all unlawful Combinations for the Enhancing the Price of Provisions, and for an Encouragement to all who shall discover any concerned in such illegal Practices, and bring the Offenders to Conviction, We do hereby promise and declare, that all Persons who shall so discover, and cause such Offenders to be convicted, shall be entitled to a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS; which said Sum of ONE HUNDRED Pounds, the Commissioners of Our Treasury, or Our High Treasurer of Great Britain for the Time being, are hereby directed and required to pay accordingly, without any further or other Warrant in that Behalf.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Twelfth Day of *October*, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

AT the Court at St. *James's* the 12th Day of *October*, 1764,

PRESENT,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHereas by an Act of Parliament passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the further Improve- "ment of His Majesty's Revenue of Customs, and "for the Encouragement of Officers making Seizures, "and for the Prevention of the Clandestine Run- "ning of Goods into any Part of His Majesty's Do- "minions," it is (amongst other Things) Enacted, That one Moiety of the nett Produce arising by the Sale of Smuggling Vessels and Prohibited Goods, which should be seized after the First Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three, and condemned and sold according to Law, (the Charges thereof being first deducted) should be allowed by the Commissioners of the Customs to any Officers of the Customs who should seize the same; and that the other Moiety thereof should be paid by the said Commissioners into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, in lieu of His Majesty's Share thereof, (except in those Cases which are otherwise provided for by the said Act:) And that for the more effectual Prevention of the infamous Practice of Smuggling, and for the better Encouragement of the Officers and Seamen of all such Ships and Vessels of War belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, who may be employed in preventing the clandestine Running of Goods on the Coasts of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the other Dominions and Colonies belonging to the Crown of Great Britain, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to direct and appoint the Moiety therein before-mentioned, or any other Part of all and every the Seizure and Seizures that shall be made by such Officers and Seamen respectively, so employed as aforesaid, to be divided amongst all such Offi-

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cers and Seamen who ſhall make any ſuch Seizure, in ſuch Proportions, and in ſuch Manner, as His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, ſhall think fit to order and direct, by any Order or Orders of Council, or by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be made or iſſued from Time to Time for that Purpoſe: And whereas by one other Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, entituled, "An Act for granting certain Duties in the Britiſh Colonies and Plantations in America, for continuing, amending and making perpetual an Act paſſed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King George the Second, (intituled, An Act for the better ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies in America) for applying the Produce of ſuch Duties, and of the Duties to ariſe by Virtue of the ſaid Act, towards defraying the Expences of defending, protecting, and ſecuring, the ſaid Colonies and Plantations; for explaining an Act made in the Twenty Fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, (intituled, An Act for the Encouragement of the Greenland and Eaſtland Trades, and for the better ſecuring the Plantation Trade,) and for altering and diſallowing ſeveral Drawbacks on Exports from this Kingdom, and more effectually preventing the clandeſtine Conveyance of Goods to and from the ſaid Colonies and Plantations, and improving and ſecuring the Trade between the ſame and Great Britain"; it is, amongſt other Things enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by that, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the Trade and Revenues of the Britiſh Colonies or Plantations in America, which ſhall be incurred and recovered there, (except ſuch Seizures as ſhall be made at Sea by the Commanders or Officers of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels of War duly authorized to make Seizures) ſhall be divided, after deducting the Charges of Proſecution from the Groſs Produce thereof, into three Parts; and that one Part of the nett Produce thereof ſhould be paid into the Hands of the Collector of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms at the Port or Place where ſuch Penalties or Forfeitures ſhould be recovered for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors; one other Third to the Governor of the Colony, and the other Third to the Seizer or Proſecutor; and that one Moiety of all ſuch Seizures as ſhould be made at Sea by His Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels as aforeſaid, and of the Penalties and Forfeitures recovered thereon, firſt deducting the Charges as aforeſaid, ſhall be paid as aforeſaid to the Collector of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, to and for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors; and the other Moiety to him or them who ſhall Seize, Inform, and Sue for the ſame; ſubject nevertheleſs to ſuch Diſtribution of the Produce of the Seizures ſo made at Sea, as well with Regard to the Moiety therein before granted to His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, as with Regard to the other Moiety given to the Seizer or Proſecutor, as His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors ſhall think fit to order and direct by any Order or Orders of Council, or by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be made for that Purpoſe; His Majeſty taking the ſame into his Royal Conſideration, is hereby pleaſed, purſuant to the Powers veſted in him by the ſaid Acts of Parliament, and by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, direct and appoint, that the Moiety, or other Part of all and every the Seizure and Seizures that have been, or ſhall be made by Virtue of the firſt mentioned Act, and granted to the Officers and Seamen as aforeſaid, and the Moiety of Seizures granted by the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, be divided in the following Proportions, viz.

1ſt. With Regard to Seizures made by the Officers and Men of Ships and Sloops of War.

To the Captain or Captains of any ſuch Ships or Sloops who ſhall be actually on Board at the Seizure of any Smuggling Veſſel or prohibited Goods, Three Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Captains of Marines and Land Forces, Sea Lieutenants and Maſters on Board any ſuch Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Lieutenants and Quarter Maſters of Marines, and Lieutenants, Enſigns, and Quarter Maſters of Land Forces, Boatſwain, Gunner, Purſer, Carpenter, Maſter's Mate, Surgeon, Pilot, and Chaplain, on Board any ſuch Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Midſhipmen, Secretary to Flag Officers, Captain's Clerk, Maſter Sailmaker, Carpenter's Mates, Boatſwain's Mates, Gunner's Mates, Maſter at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Coxſwain, Quarter Maſters, Quarter Maſter's Mates, Surgeon's Mates, Yeomen of the Powder Room, and Serjeants of Marines, or Land Forces on Board any ſuch Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Trumpeters, Quarter Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunſmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine, or other Soldiers, and all other Perſons doing Duty, or aſſiſting on Board any ſuch Ships or Sloops, Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongſt them.

2d. With Regard to Seizures made by the Officers and Men of Cutters commanded by Lieutenants.

To the Lieutenant commanding ſuch Cutter, who ſhall be actually on Board at the Seizure of any Smuggling Veſſel, or Prohibited Goods, One Half Part: To the Second Maſter and Pilot, or Maſter's Mate and the Midſhipmen on Board any ſuch Cutter, One Eighth Part: The Second Maſter and Pilot, or Maſter's Mate, to have Two Third Parts thereof, and the Midſhipman to have the Remainder; but if there ſhould happen to be a Pilot Extraordinary on Board at the making of any ſuch Seizure, the Second Maſter and Pilot, or Maſter's Mate, is, in that Caſe, to have one Moiety of the ſaid Eighth Part, and the other Moiety is to be equally divided between the Pilot Extraordinary and Midſhipman: To the Clerk and Steward, Boatſwain's Mate, Gunner's Mate, Carpenter's Mate, and Surgeon's Mate on Board any ſuch Cutter, One Eighth Part: To the Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and all other Perſons doing Duty and aſſiſting on Board any ſuch Cutter, Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongſt them.

3d. With regard to Seizures made by Ships or Sloops of War in Conjunction with Cutters.

That in all ſuch Caſes, the Moiety or other Part which is given to the Officers and Men who ſhall make ſuch Seizure, be divided into ſo many equal Parts or Shares, as there may be Ships or Sloops and Cutters concerned therein; and that thoſe Shares be diſtributed to the Officers and Men of the Ships or Sloops and Cutters according to the aforegoing Proportions.

And His Majeſty doth hereby further order, direct, and appoint, That in the Caſe of Seizures made at Sea in any of the Colonies Abroad, belonging to the Crown of Great Britain, by His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels, being Part of the Squadron, or acting under the Orders of a Flag Officer, or a Commodore with a Captain under him, ſuch Flag Officer or Commodore ſhall have One Fourth Part of the Moiety or other Part of the ſaid Seizures directed by the ſaid laſt mentioned Act to be paid to the Collector of His Majeſty's

jeſty's Cuſtoms, or reſerved by former Acts for His Majeſty's Uſe: And in Caſe any Sea Captain, inferior Commiſſion or Warrant Sea Officers, belonging to any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, for whom any Shares of Seizures are hereby allowed, be abſent at the Time of making ſuch Seizure, the Share of ſuch Sea Captain, inferior Commiſſion or Warrant Sea Officer, ſhall be caſt into the Shares hereby allowed to the Trumpeters, Quarter Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunſmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine or other Soldiers, and all other Perſons doing Duty or aſſiſting on board any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, to be equally divided amongſt them: Provided, that if any Officer or Officers on Board of any ſuch Ship or Sloops at the Time of making ſuch Seizures, ſhall have more Commiſſions or Offices than One, he or they ſhall be intitled only to the Share which, according to the abovementioned Diſtribution, ſhall belong to his or their reſpective ſuperior Commiſſions or Offices. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, and the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, are to cauſe His Majeſty's Pleaſure hereby ſignified, to be duly complied with.

Rob. Walpole.

AT the Council Chamber, *Whitehall*, the 19th Day of *October*, 1764,

PRESENT,

The Lords of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council.

HIS Majeſty having been pleaſed to appoint the Right Honourable William Anne, Earl of Eſſex, to be Lord Lieutenant of the County of Hertford, his Lordſhip this Day took the Oaths appointed to be taken thereupon inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

Vienna, October 3. The Court returned to Schonbrun on Friday laſt, and it is thought will not go back to Preſburgh, unleſs it be for a few Days.

The King of the Romans, and the Archduke Leopold, ſet out the 6th Inſtant for Moravia and Bohemia, and will viſit the Fortreſſes, and every Thing elſe worth Notice in thoſe Countries.

Hamburgh, October 12. The Great Chancellor of Ruſſia, Count Woronzow, arrived here on Tueſday laſt, and receives all Marks of Diſtinction due to his Rank and Character.

The Prince of Bevern came here the ſame Day, accompanied by his Siſter the Margravine of Bareuth. The Prince ſet out this Morning for Stettin, and her Serene Highneſs propoſes to return to Sleſwick To-morrow.

General Poſt-Office, October 9, 1764.

A Mail will be diſpatched from this Office on Thurſday the 8th of November next, being the Second Thurſday in the Month, for His Majeſty's Iſlands in the Weſt Indies, Penſacola, St. Auguſtine, Savanna, and Charles-Town, by the Grenville Packet Boat, Capt. Purches, now at Falmouth.

The Poſtage from London to the Weſt India Iſlands is 1*s.* 6*d. a Single Letter; to the whole Continent of America, including Florida,* 1*s. the Double, Treble, and Ounce Letters and Packets in Proportion, which muſt be paid upon their Delivery into this Office; the Inland Poſtage to London, from all Places in Great Britain and Ireland, muſt alſo be paid, over and above the ſaid Rates.*

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General,
Anth. Todd, *Secretary.*

Whitehall, October 2, 1764.

Whereas it has been humbly repreſented to the King, That, on Thurſday laſt, about Noon, Two moſt horrid Murders were committed in a Houſe on College Green, Briſtol, on the Bodies of Mrs. Ruſcombe, and her Maid Servant, by a Perſon or Perſons unknown: His Majeſty, in order to bring to Juſtice the Perpetrator, or Perpetrators of the ſaid Two horrid Murders, is hereby pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any one of the Accomplices therein, (except the Perſon or Perſons who actually committed either of the ſaid Murders) who ſhall diſcover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo that he, ſhe, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof. SANDWICH.

And, as a farther Encouragement for bringing the Offenders to Juſtice, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Briſtol do hereby promiſe a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, *to be paid to any One of the Accomplcies, (except as above excepted) or to any other Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall diſcover and apprehend any of the Offenders; to be paid by the Chamberlain of the ſaid City of Briſtol on Conviction.*

Elton, *Town-Clerk.*

And in Addition to the aforeſaid Reward, I do hereby promiſe a Reward of One Hundred Pounds *to any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall diſcover and apprehend any of the Offenders; to be paid on Conviction.*

R. Nugent.

And We (Siſters of the Deceaſed Mrs. Ruſcombe) do alſo hereby promiſe a farther Reward of Fifty Guineas *to any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall diſcover and apprehend any of the Offenders; to be paid on Conviction.*

Elizabeth Jefferis.
Sarah Jefferis.

Notice is hereby given, that a General Meeting of His Majeſty's Lieutenant, and of the Deputy Lieutenants of the County of Bucks, is appointed to be holden at the White Hart in Aylesbury, on Tueſday the 30th *Day of October Inſtant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, being one of the Days fixed by Act of Parliament, for the Purpoſe of carrying into Execution the ſeveral Laws now in Force relating to the Militia.*

By Order of the Lord Lieutenant,
Ben. Aſhwell, *Clerk of the General Meetings.*

Hand-in-Hand Fire-Office.

The Directors give Notice, that a General Meeting of the Members of the ſaid Society will be held at their Office in Angel Court on Snow-hill, on Thurſday the 8th of November next, at Three in the Afternoon, on ſpecial Affairs.

N. B. The Election of Directors for the Year enſuing, by Balloting, will be held at the Office on the three preceding Days, from Nine in the Forenoon to Twelve, and from Three to Six in the Afternoon.

Admiralty Office, October 13, 1764.

Whereas my Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty have received authentick Information, That on the 21ſt of March laſt, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, as a Ship called Birgitha Catherina, of Copenhagen, Captain P. A. Janſen, Commander, belonging to the Daniſh African Company, was coming from Amſterdam, and bound for Salee in Barbary, the ſaid Ship was piratically and feloniouſly attacked on the High Sea, near Dover, by a Veſſel or Cutter which ſhewed Engliſh Colours, and of which the Crew ſeemed to be Engliſh, who by Force plundered and robbed the ſaid Ship Birgitha Catherina of great Quantities of Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes to a very conſiderable Value, in Violation of the Laws of Nations.

Their Lordſhips therefore, in order to detect and bring to Juſtice the Perſons guilty of the ſaid Piracy and Robberys,